

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

October 6, 2008

C/Bell opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 6, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Jim Bell, present; Rob Faber, not present; Al Morrone, entered 8:07; Mike Turner, not present; Fiore Masci, present; Gary Dorfman, present; Bill Hanson, present; Bob Brown, present; Dominick Ricci, present.

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

C/Bell opened the meeting to the public at 8:06 PM

A concerned resident, **Tony Corvasce** (50 Red Valley Road, Millstone Twp., NJ 08510) approached the commission in regards to the sign recently displayed at the newly acquired land by the township on Red Valley Road. He was concerned in regards to proposed ball fields with lighting and a sound system that could be disruptive to the neighbors. C/Bell advised, at this time, there are no solid plans for what will be included in the park. C/Masci stated he is the chairman overseeing the park installation and will be sensitive to the surrounding neighborhood. At this time, the major need in town is for ball fields to help alleviate the heavy use of existing fields in town. Should the proposed fields in the plans include lights; the fields will be located behind the tree line away from neighboring homes. He invited the resident and his neighbors to attend the monthly meetings and voice their opinions.

Tom Banyacski, Jr (3 Sawmill Pond Road, Millstone Twp, NJ 08510) Eagle Scout, troop 116, working towards his life scout, attending 3rd meeting, discussed with the commission the remaining questions he needs answered before he can submit his project to his Eagle Scout Master for approval. He needs to know if the township will give him approval to install the equipment with supervision either by DPW or a qualified adult. Second question is the size and type of railroad ties for the border and the groundcover. The commission advised he will be responsible for fundraising for the border ties and wood mulch. T. Banyacski also questioned where the location of the fitness area is being proposed. C/Kinsey stated he will meet Tom at Abate Park and discuss the location.

Brendan Skeeahan (19 Gravatt Circle, Clarksburg, NJ 08510) an eagle scout attending his final meeting with a request for an approval signature of his completed landscaping project at the Brandywine soccer fields. He discussed the changes that were made during the project. He decided to plant the set of four butterfly bushes on the right side of the walkway rather than on the left for the sole reason of space

allotment. The second change was the planting of more bushes than initially anticipated due to more plant donations. He stated he planted more than the planned 35 bushes (7 butterfly, 11 barberry, 17 boxwood). Finishing with approximately 50 bushes in total (7 butterfly, 11 barberry, and roughly 30 boxwoods). The final change was not to create a gravel circle on the right side as planned, with the thought that it may cause a hazard to younger children passing through the area or at least very likely the children would pick up and throw the stones. He advised he purchased the weed block on his own. The Commission stated they were satisfied with the end results and C/Bell signed the approval of the completed project. The commission thanked Brendan for his hard work and wished him well for the future.

C/Bell closed the meeting to the public at 8:45 PM

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Basketball**

C/Brown reported enrollment is up from last year at this time with 64 registrations. He was approached by a gentleman who is interested in scheduling the referees for the basketball games. He advised we will continue to utilize Adam Lapkin this year, but next year we should put it out to bid, allowing others to submit a bid. A meeting was scheduled with some basketball board members, but was postponed until next week. Recruiting volunteers for the board is needed at this time. Discussing took place in regards to the building use fees being requested from the Board of Education, which has been deferred by the BOE for the time being.

- **Football/Cheerleading update**

C/Masci informed the commission, the season is going smoothly. Last home games were held this past week-end. Central Jersey is the second largest conference in the country. Millstone will be represented by two, possibly four squads at playoff games and cheerleading will compete in competitions this week-end. The football practice will continue behind the elementary school utilizing temporary lights that will be moved from Wagner Farm Park. C/Masci reported vandals have been driving on the fields at Wagner Farm Park, causing damage. No suspects at this time. The Twp Administrator has been informed; security cameras were unable to record in that area. State Police were contacted.

Wagner Farm Park update

C/Masci reported no issues except for the damage to the fields by an unknown vehicle.

- **Brandywine Soccer Fields update**

C/Bell reported, the President of Millstone's traveling soccer program, Bryan Walkley, has realigned the soccer fields and relocated the mouths of the goals, so they can be reseeded. He also requested some topsoil to be delivered to the park and the traveling soccer program will fill a few holes in the fields caused by usage. Two new goals were installed, one replacing existing goals and the other on a new field that has been laid out. The old goals will be moved behind the shed and eventually moved to a different park. The Eagle Scout landscape project is completed and is a nice improvement to the park.

- **Fall Soccer update**

C/Bell reported the season is underway with no issues at this time. He also stated an anonymous letter was received in regards to a resident unhappy about the use of township's facilities by private groups.

- **Summer Rec**

C/Bell reported the invoice for transportation from the Board of Education has been received and is slightly higher than last year and is acceptable due to the increased gas rate.

- **Field Hockey**

Registration is at 49 girls, all have been supplied with equipment and the season is underway.

- **Millstone Day**

C/Bell reported the event went well; head count was up from last year at 2,800. C/Masci inquired where the basis of not allowing Millstone business to be involved with the event came from. C/Kinsey advised the past Recreation board decided only to allow nonprofit organizations to fundraise at the event. It was suggested local business can purchase a sort of business license for the day. A separate area would be set up, although food vendors would possibly hurt the nonprofit organizations. It was agreed allowing only the non-profit organizations to sell food for a fund raising element. An ordinance will be set up allowing businesses to be involved and promote their business.

- **Holiday Lighting**

C/Hanson discussed the proposed date of Saturday, December 6, 2008. C/Bell advised his request to reserve the Clarksburg Inn was denied by the owners. The Middle school band has accepted our invitation to play holiday music for the event, which causes concern in regards to the community center, not being large enough to accommodate the amount of expected people. The use of Wagner Farm Park was discussed. Rec secretary suggested contacting the Fire Dept. and request the use of their facility which is located near the community center. C/Hanson advised purchasing a Santa suit rather than renting, which was done last year.

- **Approval of the September 8, 2008 Minutes**

Motion to approve: C/Bell **Seconded:** C/Morrone

Motion to approve: Jim Bell, aye; Rob Faber, absent; Al Morrone, aye; Mike Turner, absent; Fiore Masci, abstain; Gary Dorfman, aye; Bill Hanson, aye; Bob Brown, aye; Dominick Ricci, abstain

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Bell, Seconded C/Hanson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Vladimirov

cc: Township Committee
Jim Pickering
Maria Dellasala